

this country anyway is free enterprise and if you can't make it, you don't make it. But I...agree, we can't support all the tracks and we have to be realistic, but I don't believe those tracks are having the problems that they say they are having. They are having a lot of depreciation right there and I just move the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Robak. We'll now continue with debate on the Robak amendment. Senator Abboud. Senator Schellpeper.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Madam Chairman and members, I rise to oppose this amendment. We are currently doing a study in the General Affairs Committee of the whole Racing Commission and I think it would be bad policy at this time to come in and say we're going to raise the commission from three to five members until we take a look at the whole operation of the whole Racing Commission, how it affects, how they operate, what are their bad points, what is they're really funding, are they really needing all this extra funding. We had this amendment earlier on General. It was not accepted then. I think we need to reject it now and go on. Let's do this study this summer and find out what the Racing Commission, what their duties, what we think they should be and what they are doing so that we get them in the right direction. We currently have three very good commissioners on there. They are doing a very good job. They have set everything up for this year. The whole race schedule is already worked out. I think that rather than come in now and say we're going to add two more commissioners, it's going to be more expense. We're going to have to some way come in and say we have to find some more dollars for these extra two commissioners when they go to meetings. They do not receive any salary but they do have a fairly hefty per diem and then they have some expenses so rather than do that, I would urge you to reject this amendment and let us do a study of the Racing Commission, what we planned to do so that we know exactly where they are going. Maybe we will need five, but let's wait until we do this study before we actually head down that road. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Schellpeper. Senator Nelson, do you wish to speak to the Robak amendment?

SENATOR NELSON: Yes, the same amendment as we said that we heard the other day that was defeated 19-16, and 16 votes for